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- 1.(C) Summary: With the onset of an election year, post has affirmed its support for National Democratic Institute (NDI) programming in Bahrain
- 2.(SBU) Ambassador met January 7 with new BIPD chairman Nabeel bin Yaqoob Al-Hamer and new executive director Isa Ahmed Al-Khayat, who were app
- 3.(C) Al Hamar indicated concern that NDI's programs disproportionately benefitted the opposition. Ambassador stressed that NDI's activities be
- 4.(C) Ambassador stressed the USG's strong support for MEPI-funded NDI programming in Bahrain, stating that it played an important role in supp
- 5.(C) More so than his predecessor, Lulwa Awadhi (ref D), Al-Hamer promises to be a cooperative partner for emboffs and, we judge, will support
- 6.(C) Post notes that MEPI funding for NDI programming in Bahrain is running out, and strongly supports renewed MEPI funding for NDI activities